

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 30, 2020

President Donald Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to request your full and fair consideration of the State of California's request for a major disaster declaration in response to wildfires that have struck the State this month. In early September, extreme wind events combined with a heat wave and exceedingly dry conditions led to several new fire ignitions that spread rapidly at a time when state and federal firefighting resources were already strained due to numerous record-breaking fires that broke out in the state in August.

These September wildfires have impacted the counties of Fresno, Los Angeles, Madera, Mendocino, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Siskiyou, and have burned over 1,887,932 acres and tragically claimed the lives of at least three people. These fires, including the Creek, Oak, Bobcat, El Dorado, Valley, Slater, Devil, Red Salmon, and Fox Fires, have destroyed 3,368 structures, including nearly 1,000 homes, and have damaged another 232. Governor Newsom has declared a State of Emergency in each of these counties and has deployed all available assets in the State's disaster response. But federal coordination and assistance is needed, especially as state and local resources continue to respond to both the COVID-19 public health emergency and the August 2020 wildfires.

We thank you for expeditiously granting California's request for a disaster declaration to respond to the August 2020 wildfires, and ask for your full and fair consideration of the State of California's request for a major disaster declaration to respond to September 2020 wildfires.

Sincerely,

**Judy Chu**  
Member of Congress

**Nancy Pelosi**  
Speaker of the House

**Kevin McCarthy**  
House Republican Leader

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Member of Congress

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